

Evening Worship tonight at 6 pm.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, August 19th @ 11:45 A.M. in the church fellowship hall. Our special guest will be Bro. Justin McLellan. Come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy being with your friends.

Children Programs have started back on Wednesday's nights at 6:30 pm.

Have a great need for **Sunday School Teachers**. Please contact Elaine McCall at 375-3636 if you would be willing to teach.

PPR committee will meet on August 25 beginning at 6:30 as we prepare for our upcoming October Charge Conference. Members: Janice Conley, Chuck Crosby, Stanley McCall, Lenna Morris, Melisa Pace, Ken Sellers, Louis Stackley, Dan Stone, Alan Strawn, Sue Woodard.

Church Conference scheduled for Tuesday, **August 26th at 6 pm** in the fellowship hall.

UMW Meetings for August

Circle I - Meets Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm at the home of Jan Stone.

Circle II - Meets Tuesday, August 26th at 5:00 pm in the church social hall.

Circle III - Meets Tuesday, August 26th at 9:30 am in the church social hall with hostess Donna Faught.

Circle V - Meets Monday, August 25th at 7:30 pm at the home of Kim Porter.

UMW Ladies...you will not have to be in charge of the Family Night supper in September due to the Mission team taking this month. However in October for the Charge Conference on Tuesday, October 7th, Circle II and Circle III will be in charge that night.

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

8-17 Steve & Mildred Sellers
8-24 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
8-31 Jared Middleton & Alan Strawn



2008 Flower Calendar—If you would like a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and put in offering plate or call church office at 375-4555. Available dates: August, September & October. 8-24, 8-31, 9-14, 9-28, 10-5 & 10-12.

Sunday _____

Given by _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir
HYMN OF PREPARATION "It Is Well With My Soul" No. 377
OFFERTORY "Worthy of Worship" Orchestra
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mary Hulett
(After Children's Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children's Church).

ANTHEM "As the Deer" Chancel Choir
Soloist-Janice Conley

†SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 45:1-15**

SERMON "Mercy is Hard" Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 357
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

For, says Jesus, if you reduce your life to the simple practice of loving your friends and hating your enemies, of being generous only to those you like and trust, and resistant whenever there is a risk, what's the big deal? Anybody can do that. Any thief, any sinner, any atheist, any deal cutter, anybody who can count and remember and keep score can do that. But you, says Jesus, are not part of that pitiful bunch of frightened people. You know more and you know differently, and you have freedom to act differently.

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary Today,
by Dr. Steve Morris,
in Memory of Henry & Nellie Hand Morris
and J.W. & Bessie Mae Mimbs Cartwright*

Children's church volunteer today - Mildred Sellers
Children's church volunteer next Sunday – Joy Clifton

USHERS: Milton Kirkland, Robert Kirkland, Lori Hancock, Benjamin Porter
OFFERING STEWARDS: Milton Kirkland, Robert Kirkland

Pennies to Pesos
Total Collected to date: \$530.80
Total Collected in Pesos: \$5340.90

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2008

PRELUDE "I'll Fly Away" Orchestra

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. How good it is to be together! Hallelujah! Amen!

†PRAISE CHORUS "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" CONGREGATION
Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is with-in me bless His holy name. (CLLI-1134089)

†OPENING HYMN "Amazing Grace" No. 378
Verses 1,2,3 & 6

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 133 No. 850

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.

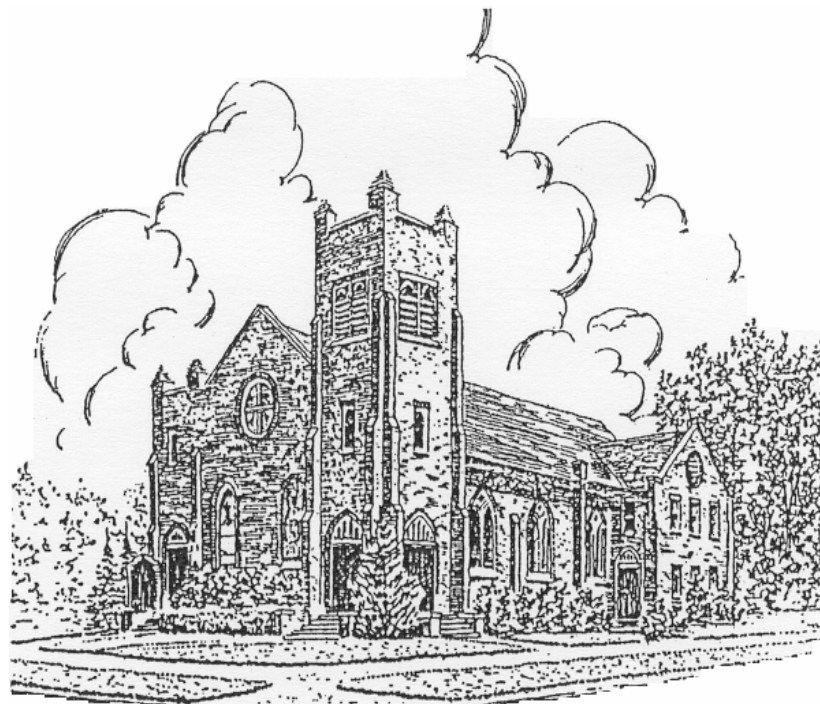
LIVING THE MINISTRY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Have you welcomed a visitor today?

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia



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Our Church Staff

Ministers-Congregation	Organist-Janice Cole
Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell	Custodian-Elaine McCall
Minister to Students and Families -Jared Middleton	Nursery-Jessica Miller
Office Manager-Martha Lolley	Pastor-Rodney Porter



The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazlehurst is to reach out and welcome people just as they are, lead persons to commit their lives to God through Jesus Christ, nurture and encourage them as disciples and send them out to help make our community more loving and just.